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LETTER DATED 18 MAY 1994 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan, Mr. Hassan A. Hassanov, addressed to you (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar T. ALIYEV
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

[Original: Russian]

Letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan addressed to the President of the Security Council

I consider it necessary to bring to your attention information about new aspects in the development of the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict which throw light on the annexationist plans of the Republic of Armenia in relation to the Azerbaijani Republic.

According to our information, at the current time the leadership and also a number of political parties and public organizations of Armenia are carrying out active work among the population of the Republic with a view to resettling a certain part of the population in territories of the Azerbaijani Republic seized by the Armenian armed forces in the Kelbajar, Kubatly and Zangelan districts.

This work is being directed by Vazgen Sarkisyan, Minister of State of the Republic of Armenia, General Suren Abramyan, his deputy, and the State Directorate of Refugee Affairs. In order to make this campaign public in nature, the so-called "Airudzi" charitable alliance has been established under the auspices of the Armenian monarchic party; it has allocated a large sum for financing the programme and has undertaken to provide fully for the settlers. The Government, in turn, has taken a decision to issue a large loan to the settlers and grant them extensive privileges - ranging from the allocation of plots of land to exemption from military service in the zone of military operations in Nagorny Karabakh. There are plans to establish Armenian military settlements in the territory of the Azerbaijani Republic.

The implementation of this programme at the level of a minister of State, his deputy and the state department of Armenia shows that the resettlement of the Armenian population in occupied districts of the Azerbaijani Republic is being carried out on an organized basis under the direct control of the leadership of the Republic of Armenia and forms part of its State policy aimed at the territorial dismemberment of Azerbaijan.

These illegal actions of the Republic of Armenia once again demonstrate:

(a) The desire of the Republic of Armenia to consolidate the results of the military aggression and annexation of occupied territories of the Azerbaijani Republic through intensive settlement of those territories;

(b) Armenia's intention to bring about irreversible demographic changes in the region and hinder the possible future return of hundreds of thousands of Azerbaijani refugees to their native lands;

(c) Blatant disregard for Security Council resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993), 874 (1993) and 884 (1993) calling for the cessation of hostilities and the complete, immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Armenian forces from

the territories seized in the Azerbaijani Republic, and also the establishment of conditions for the return of refugees;

(d) The unwillingness of the Armenian side to proceed to a peaceful settlement of the bloody conflict which has already lasted for more than six years and its desire to delay the negotiating process and conserve the current situation in the territories of the Azerbaijani Republic occupied by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia.

In the light of the foregoing, and taking into account the serious consequences for the process of peaceful settlement which might derive overall from the implementation of the illegal plans of the leadership of the Republic of Armenia, I request you to consider the possibility of sending a United Nations fact-finding mission in the very near future to the Republic of Armenia and the occupied districts of the Azerbaijani Republic indicated above in order to investigate the situation on the spot and avert possible adverse consequences in a timely manner.

(Signed) Hassan HASSANOV